

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~mucoadhesive vaginal~~ composition in the form of an aqueous bioadhesive gel adapted for the delivery of at least one of active ingredients and principles to vaginal mucosa of a subject in need thereof, said ~~mucoadhesive vaginal~~ composition comprising hydroxyethylcellulose as the only material used for converting the composition into a gel and to render it bioadhesive to said vaginal mucosa, glycerol and diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, together with at least one surfactant, preservative and acidifier.

2. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, comprising 1 to 5% by weight of hydroxyethylcellulose, 25 to 90% by weight of water, 5 to 25% by weight of glycerol, 5 to 50% by weight of diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, 0.01 to 10% by weight of surfactant, 0.05 to 1% by weight of preservative, and 0.01 to 1% weight of acidifier.

3. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1 further comprising, as an active constituent, at least one selected from the group consisting of antifungals, antiseptics, antimicrobials, antibiotics, analgesics, local anaesthetics, antihistamines, anti-inflammatory agents, contraceptives, hormones, and combinations thereof.

4. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the active constituent is at least one selected from the group consisting of econazole, miconazole, fluconazole, cyclopiroxolamine, nifuratel, nystatin, chlorhexidine, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, naproxen, benzydamine, benzalkonium chloride or other quaternary ammonium antiseptics, and nonxynol-9.